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McQUILLEN COMMITTEE SEEKS SOLUTIONS TO CIB AND FUNDING ISSUES

INDIANAPOLIS—City-County Councillor Michael McQuillen will chair a committee charged with recommending solutions to solve the financial issues of Indianapolis' Capital Improvement Board (CIB) and the other convention and tourism related issues.

"We must solve this problem for our city," Councillor McQuillen said.
"Downtown Indianapolis is the economic engine of our state. We must look at every possible solution to keep that engine running."

The task force will divide its mission into phases: Definition, Exploration, and Proposal. The Definition Phase will have as its key deliverable, a report on the issues at hand. Raw data on the many challenges needs to be collected and analyzed before solutions to the issues can be proposed.

The Exploration Phase will take the committee to various entities throughout the region to solicit input and ideas. Nothing will be off the table as the task force seeks to keep downtown Indianapolis an economic engine for the state of Indiana.

Finally, the task force will propose a set of solutions, for which they will lobby the appropriate legislative bodies.

Chairman McQuillen commented on the need for public input. "No issue is more deserving of thoughtful public input than this issue. This affects the entire state. My committee will use technology as a means to increase the amount of input we receive."

While expectations are high, there are limitations on the group. McQuillen notes that while the task force will investigate and propose solutions to the issues at hand, their proposals are non-binding. It will be up to other legislative bodies to green-light any plans.

The first meeting will be held on November 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in room 260 of the City-County Building. Structure and plans for the committee will be discussed at that time.

Councillors Ryan Vaughn, Joanne Sanders, Jackie Nytes, and Mayor Ballard's Chief of Staff, Paul Okeson, are also members of the committee.

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